



**Sandy Hook Unit
Gateway National Recreation Area
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Tour Availability & Service Projects for Scout Groups**

1. Introduction

Scout and youth groups are encouraged to visit those historic site duty stations around the park whenever they are open. These include:

Site	Location	Dates	Times
Visitors Center	Parking Lot D	Open Daily	10AM to 5PM
Old Dune Hiking Trail	Visitors Centers	Open Daily	During Park Hours
Battery Potter	Hudson Road	Weekends May-October,	1PM to 4:30PM
History House	Hartshorne Drive	Weekends throughout the Year	1PM to 5PM
		Daily May-September	1PM to 5PM
Fort Hancock Museum	Kearny Road	Weekends (Subject to Change)	1PM to 5PM
Nike Missile Radar Site	Parking Lot N	Consult Program Guide	
Horseshoe Cove	Parking Lot L	Open Daily	During Park Hours
Battery Gunnison	Parking Lot G	Summer Weekends	Subject to Change

2. Scheduling & Planning a Visit

a) Reservations are NOT required for any of the sites listed above when open on a scheduled basis. Groups should take advantage of visiting any historic site when open on a scheduled basis.

b) Some sites (Visitors Center, History House, and the Ft. Hancock Museum) do not offer tours. However, they are staffed by NPS interpreters who can greet a group, give an orientation talk, and answer questions when the site is open to the public.

c) All youth group and scout leaders should visit the Gateway National Recreation Area website at **www.nps.gov/gate** to view the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter activities calendar to confirm when the above listed sites are open and what activities are being offered.

d) Leaders interested in guided lighthouse tours should contact the New Jersey Lighthouse Society at (732) 291-4777. A donation is requested to help support the preservation of the lighthouse and the volunteers who offer tours. Reserved tours must be scheduled three (3) weeks in advance and must occur before 12 PM. All participants must be over 48-inches tall to climb the lighthouse.

e) Tours of sites such as Battery Potter, Nike Radar Site, Ft. Hancock Museum, History House, and Battery Gunnison when they are not open to the public can be arranged. These tours must be scheduled three (3) weeks in advance and groups must perform a service and conservation project in the park in return for ranger-led guided tours.

3. Service Projects

The Nike Missile Radar Site contains several conservation projects:

- A) Cut all vegetation away from "C-2" - the group of three buildings and four radar platform towers on the east/ocean side of the Radar site.
- B) Sweep/clean out interiors of the three "C-2" buildings.
- C) Cut all vegetation away from the concrete sidewalk leading from the "C-2" buildings northwest to the four ready barracks located near the northwest corner of the Radar site.
- D) Cut all vegetation away from and mow lawns around the four ready barracks located near the northwest corner of the Radar site.
- E) Cut all vegetation away from and mow lawns around the latrine building, furnace building, & old telephone booth next to the four ready barracks.
- F) Remove piles of yellow buff bricks currently lying on the ground in front of the northwest corner gates of the Radar site, and also from the adjacent Basketball court, and neatly pile all bricks on the two concrete slab foundations of demolished ready barracks.
- G) Cut all vegetation away from the long straight concrete sidewalk leading from the ready barracks area southwest to "C-1" buildings located at the southwest corner of the Radar site.
- H) Cut all vegetation 4-feet out on all four sides of the radar platform tower located immediately south of the "C-1" Generator building.
- I) Cleaning Multi-Use Pathway of debris and rubbish; Pruning may only occur when branches are protruding over the MUP or into the path of users.

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